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THE WHITE HOUSE

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December 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

FROM:

ROGER B. PORTER REP

SUBJECT:

Agenda and Papers for the December 13 Meeting

The agenda and papers for the December 13 meeting of the Cabinet Council on Economic Affairs are attached. The meeting is scheduled for 8:45 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room.

The Cabinet Council agreed at today's meeting to defer further discussion of the Treasury Tax Simplification and Reform Proposal until Tuesday, December 18, 1984. The new agenda for the December 13 meeting will include two agenda items.

The first is a review of the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) Stock Transfer. Last Thursday, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board took the first steps towards transfering FHLMC's appreciated value (through a stock dividend) to member institutions (Saving and Loan Associations) as a means of increasing the S&L's net worth. A paper from Gregory Ballentine, "Dividend of Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Stock to the Thrift Industry," on this issue is attached.

The second agenda item is a report from the Working Group on Employment Policy. This report will focus on youth employment and covers three issues:

- 1. The Youth Employment Opportunity Wage
- 2. The Targeted Jobs Tax Credit Extension
- Summer Youth Employment and Training Program Fund Distribution

Issue papers on these three topics prepared by the Working Group are also attached.

Attachments

THE WHITE HOUSE

CABINET COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

December 13, 1984

8:45 a.m.

Roosevelt Room

AGENDA

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Stock Transfer (CM # 509)
- 2. Report of the Working Group on Employment Policy (CM # 510)



December 11, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

FROM: THE WORKING GROUP ON EMPLOYMENT POLICY

SUBJECT: Proposed Youth Employment Opportunity Wage Act

of 1985

The Department of Labor is proposing the resubmission of legislation to create a Youth Employment Opportunity Wage (YEOW). YEOW would permit employers to pay youth 19 years of age and under a wage of \$2.50 per hour, 25 percent below the regular rederal minimum wage of \$3.35 per hour. This wage would apply between May 1 and September 30 of each year. The Department between May 1 and September 30 of each year. The Department estimates that a YEOW would create an additional 400,000 summer employment opportunities.

Background

Unemployment among youth has been at double digit levels for the last 30 years. The youth unemployment rate has moved cyclically in response to the business cycle, reaching a higher peak with each cycle. The unemployment rate for all youth (age 16-19) in October 1984 was 18.8 percent. The rate for black youth was 40.2 percent.

Youth unemployment has remained high despite the panoply of Federal Government programs directed toward youth employment and training. These programs ranged from remedial education to job creation projects to tax credits.

One major proposal that has not yet been tried is a differential minimum wage for youth. The Congress considered such a proposal in 1977, which almost passed. The Cornell Amendment would have provided a youth opportunity wage of 85 percent of the regular minimum wage for the first six months of employment for all youth 18 and under. After 6 months of employment, the youth would be paid the full minimum wage. The amendment was defeated in the House 210 to 211 (with 14 not voting) and in the Senate 44 to 49 (with 6 not voting).

In March 1983, this Administration proposed the Employment Act of 1983, which included a provision that would have established the youth employment opportunity wage. Unfortunately, the Congress devoted little attention to the YECW proposal.